

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-17 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 18-50 are pending.
Claims 34-50 find support throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 18-29 and 31-33 is believed to be obviated by the above amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 31-33 over claims 25-48 of the copending application Serial No. 10/542,512 is obviated by the attached Terminal Disclaimer. Withdrawal of the provisional rejection is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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